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**PATENT**  
**Attorney Docket No.: DVME-1003USDIV4**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
Suyker et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3734
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U.S. Patent Application No. 10/805,714	)	Examiner: Christina Danielle Gettman
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Filing Date: March 22, 2004	)	Confirmation No.: 9243
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Title: Mechanical Anastomosis System	)	
For Hollow Structures	)	

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated February 17, 2009. This response is timely by virtue of being filed within the shortened statutory period set in the Office Action.

It is considered that all fees due in connection with this response have been paid herewith. However, if the Director determines that any fees are due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fees to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account no. 50-0462.

**A listing of claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.